

REMARKS

Prior to Examination, please add new claim 85 and amend claim 51 as described above. Following entry of this amendment and the amendment mailed January 9, 2002, claims 1-25, 39-50 and 51-85 will be pending and claims 1-25 and 39-50 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected inventions. Support for claim 51 as amended is found in the specification, for example, at page 64, lines 16-18; page 17, lines 8-9; page 82, lines 1-3; page 41, lines 22-23; page 33, lines 4-6; page 38, lines 13-20; page 39, lines 29-30; page 10, lines 19-28; page 19, lines 2-5; page 48, line 19 to page 49, line 20. Support for new claim 85 is found in the specification, for example, at page 64, lines 16-18; page 17, lines 8-9; page 82, lines 1-3; page 41, lines 22-23; page 33, lines 4-6; page 38, lines 13-20; page 39, lines 29-30; page 10, lines 19-28; page 19, lines 2-5; page 48, line 19 to page 49, line 20.

With respect to all amendments and cancelled claims, Applicants have not dedicated or abandoned any unclaimed subject matter and moreover have not acquiesced to any rejections and/or objections made by the Patent Office. Applicants reserve the right to pursue prosecution of any presently excluded claim embodiments in future continuation and/or divisional application.

CONCLUSION

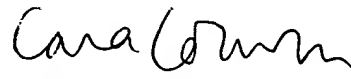
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

51. (Amended) A substantially isolated polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence encoding an antigen binding fragment which [specifically recognizes]competitively inhibits specific binding to a tumor cell surface epitope specifically recognized by an antibody or fragment thereof comprising the amino acid sequences of the H chain V region and the L chain V region of the polypeptide shown in SEQ ID NO: 14.

85. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 51, wherein the antigen binding fragment specifically recognizes a tumor cell surface epitope specifically recognized by an antibody or fragment thereof comprising the amino acid sequences of the H chain V region and the L chain V region of the polypeptide shown in SEQ ID NO: 14.